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SUBJECT: MACEDONIAN QUESTION

1. AT MASS RALLY OCTOBER 11 IN KICEVO, MACEDONIA MARKING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF BEGINNING OF MACEDONIAN LIBERATION, SFRY PRESIDENCY MEMBER LAZAR KOLISEVSKI RAISED MACEDONIAN ISSUE IN SPEECH BEFORE 70,000 PEOPLE. AFTER STATEMENT THAT GOY VALUES DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS, ESPECIALLY NEIGHBORING ONES. KOLISEVSKI SAID, NEVERTHELESS, THAT "EVEN 30 YEARS AFTER CREATION OF SR MACEDONIA AND GENERAL AFFIRMATION OF MACEDONIAN NATION, OUR NEIGHBORS STILL DENY EVEN ITS VERY EXISTENCE". HE THEN LINKED ISSUE TO WARTIME "BOURGEOIS BALKAN THEORY" THAT MACEDONIAN QUESTION IS "TERRITORIAL RATHER THAN NATIONAL".

2. "SUCH VIEWS", HE SAID, "IN FACT SIGNIFY REVIVAL OF OLD TERRITORIAL ASPIRATIONS WHICH ARE CHARACTERISTIC FEATURE OF POLICY OF BALKAN BOURGEOISE AND UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS REPRESENT AN ATTACK AGAINST THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF SOCIALIST YUGOSLAVIA AND A BASIS FOR DENIAL OF NATIONAL INDIVIDUALITY AND NON-RECOGNITION OF RIGHTS OF OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL MINORITY IN THESE COUNTRIES".

3. KOLISEVSKI ADDED THAT TO THE DEGREES EUROPEAN COUNTRIES RESOLVE THEIR NATIONAL MINORITY PROBLEMS NOT BY ASSIMILATION BY RECOGNIZING NATIONAL RIGHTS OF MINORITIES, THEY BETTER CONDITIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF STABLE RELATIONS. "AND THIS DOES NOT EXCLUDE BULGARIA OR OUR OTHER NEIGHBORS", NOTED KOLISEVSKI.

4. IN BORBA (BUT NOT POLITIKA) VERSION OF SPEECH, KOLISEVSKI CONCLUDED BY RECALLING GEORGI DIMITROV, FOUNDER OF BULGARIAN COMMUNISM, AND HIS "PUBLIC AND CLEAR DENUNCIATION OF BOURGEOIS GREATER BULGARIAN POLICY" AS WELL AS BLED AGREEMENT AND DECISION OF TENTH PLENUM OF BULGARIAN CC WHEN DIMITROV "DECLARED WAR ON BULGARIAN NATIONALISM".

5. COMMENT: KOLISEVSKI REMARKS ARE STRONGEST ANTI-BULGARIAN THEME WE HAVE SEEN FORM SOME TIME. EVEN CONSIDERING NATURE OF OCCASION, WE FIND IT INTERESTING GOY EVIDENTLY FELT NEED TO THROW SUCH A BIG LOG ON SMOULDERING MACEDONIAN ISSUE IN DIRECT PROVOCATION TO BULGARIANS.  
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